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Listening to Superiors

Lance Cpl. Zachary Scanlon

There is something to say about a lower enlisted Marine with an opinion, and that is they should have a limited one especially when time is of the essence. For most young Marines in the Corps words like, “We don’t pay you to think,” have been said to them on more than one occasion. There is a reason for that. Do you think an organization like the Marine Corps, which has led troops worldwide for 237 years, would just say that for no reason? Of course not. Given the Marine Corps’ age it has had generations to refine the rules and regulations that govern us. There are reasons why decisions and opinions should be left to the senior leadership.

First, to get promoted, the Corps has a rigorous promotion system where you must know how to shoot a rifle, be fit (to an extent), and be a high-quality Marine with superior pros and cons. These are all

years or less bring anything new to a rapidly evolving Marine Corps that a 12-plus year senior Marine doesn’t already know. That is why they are leaders, because of experience. Age and experience is another necessary trait to be a fine Marine Corps leader.

For the junior Marines that may still question or have an opinion on how things are run, let me ask you this: do you think the U.S. run military would let an inexperienced, unqualified leader lead young men and women into battle? That doesn’t make sense. Why would an organization that has a history of impressive success because of its proficient tactics do that?

Lastly, if all that wasn’t reason enough, just remember this old drill instructor saying, “If we wanted your opinion,

we would have issued you one!”

Trust in your leadership. Trust in your Corps. There is a reason for everything.

Do you think the U.S. run military would let an inexperienced, unqualified leader lead young men and women into battle?

necessary traits to be a great leader.

Along with this promotion system comes the factor of experience. How can a junior Marine with four

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Here’s how!

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Navy test pilot Lt. Christopher Tabert flies F-35B aircraft BF-3 with inert AIM-9X Sidewinder missiles Sept. 19 over the Atlantic Test Ranges. The test flight evaluated airplane structural loads and flying qualities during maneuvering flight. The F-35B is the variant of the Joint Strike Fighter designed for use by U.S. Marine Corps, as well as F-35 international partners in the United Kingdom and Italy. The F-35B is capable of short take-offs and vertical landings to enable air power projection from amphibious ships, ski-jump aircraft carriers and expeditionary airfields. The F-35B is undergoing test and evaluation at NAS Patuxent River, Md. Photo By: Michael D. Jackson.

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The City of Yuma is set to host its third annual Spirit of Yuma Heritage Festival Jan. 11-13, 2012 in downtown Yuma. The three day festival will include live musical activities in the historical Yuma Theater, local school bands, historical art displays provided by Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, The Yuma Army Proving Ground as well as local artists as well local food and drink vendors. For more information about the festival, please contact Perlita Wicks at (928) 373-5028.

Chapel News

All are encouraged to select an angel tree in the chapel entrance. Please return gifts under the tree before Dec. 22. All presents will be gifted to children in the local area by Dec. 23.

Catholic Mass
 Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24 at 7 P.M.
 Christmas Mass Dec. 25 at 9 A.M.
 New Year's Mass, Jan. 1 at 9 A.M.
 Protestant Services
 Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 5 P.M.

Winter Youth Sports

Soccer, Cheerleading and Track and Field will be offered throughout the Athletics Dept of MCAS Yuma beginning after the New Year. Youth Sports Program are open to all

children, 5-12, of eligible MCAS Yuma. For further detail and information or to find out how to volunteer as a youth sports coach, please contact the Youth Sports office at (928) 269- 2324.

Tax Center News

The MCAS Yuma Tax Center is now open to prepare previous year tax returns, file amendments and to answer your tax questions. We will be available mid-January, exact date yet to be determined, to file current year 2012 Federal and State income taxes. An additional advertisement will follow with the date in which the Tax Center will be available to file current year 2012 federal and state income taxes. We are located in building 852 in the Legal Assistance Center. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 0800-1630. We can be reached by phone at 928-269-3586 or 928-269-2481. Thank you.

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YCAT offering Holiday Light Tours

Starting Friday, Dec. 21 through Sunday, Dec. 23, Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA)

invites holiday fun seekers to board the new YCAT buses. The service is set to depart from downtown Yuma Transit Center at 7:30 p.m. and return one and a half hours later. The Transit Center is at 200 Gila Street at the historic Hotel Del Sol building. Free parking is available. For more information about this offering, please call (928)783-2235 or visit www.ycat.org.

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Mandatory group counseling sessions are also held twice a week. DMO counselors will review your documents with you, explain your move entitlements and the move process, as well as answer any questions regarding your move. All customers must bring a copy of their PCS (Web Orders or BUPERS Orders) orders or SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENT (NAVMC 11060 or 1900) in order to receive assistance. For more information about setting up your next move, please call (928)269-2311.



Angus

Please meet Angus! He arrived here at the Humane Society of Yuma on October 20, 2012 as a stray. Angus is 2 years old and black in color. He loves to play with dogs his size. He also loves to play with his toys. All ready for his new forever home, Angus has been neutered, micro-chipped and is current with his vaccinations. Please come see Angus at our Adoption Center located in the Petsmart Store! See you Soon!

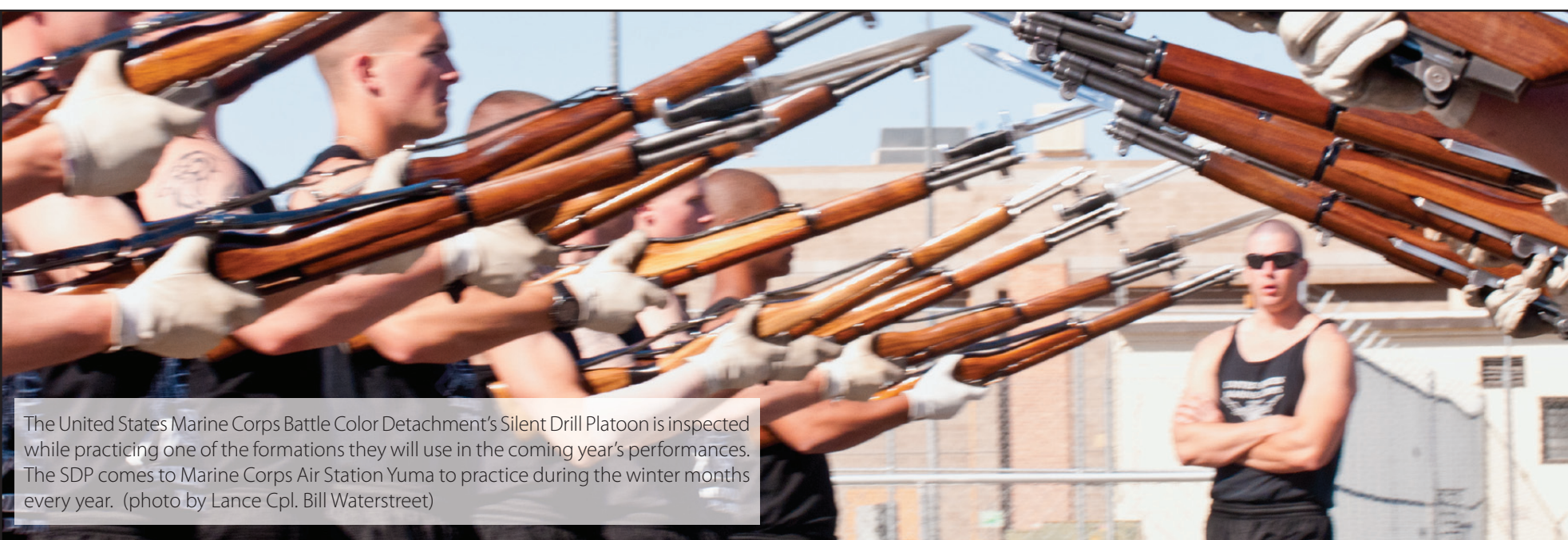


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Above: From left to right: Lance Cpl. Heath Andrews, native of Alvord, Texas., Lance Cpl. Felipe Ramirez, native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Pfc. Mohammed Scherair, native of Springfield, Ill., all riflemen in the Silent Drill Platoon, United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment, practice the drill movements they use in their performances. The SDP comes to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma to practice during the winter months every year. (photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)

Right: The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment's Silent Drill Platoon is inspected while practicing one of the formations they will use in the coming year's performances. The SDP comes to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma to practice during the winter months every year. (photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)



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Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, raises his cup of hot spiced rum to Col. Michael J. Colburn, U.S. Marine Band commanding officer, after he gives his speech during his New Year's Day serenade in front of the Home of the Commandants at Marine Barracks Washington Jan. 1. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Mondo Lacaud)



Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Amos addresses the Marines at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, Dec. 24. General James Amos and Sergeant Major Carlton Kent spent Christmas eve with Marines at Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan. (Photo by 1st Lt. Alex Lim)



U.S. Marines from 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion provide security for a landing zone during Assault Support Tactics 3 (AST-3) at Kiwanis Park, Yuma, Ariz., April 20, 2012. AST-3 was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (Photo by Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



A CH- 53E Super Stallion lands and prepares to load two dozen Marines during a noncombatant evacuation operation exercise over Kiwanis Park, Yuma, Ariz., April 20. Hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, the exercise provides Marines with valuable training in the event an embassy needs to be evacuated. (Photo by Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



A CH- 53E Super Stallion flies into the sunset during a noncombatant evacuation operation exercise over Kiwanis Park, Yuma, Ariz., April 20. Hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One, the exercise provides Marines with valuable training in the event an embassy needs to be evacuated. (Photo by Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



U.S. Marines with Helicopter Support Team, Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27 (CLR-27) connect a M-777 Howitzer to a CH-53 Super Stallion during an external lift with a Marine Corps CH-53 Super Stallion at Landing Zone Bull, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., Oct. 1, 2011. CLR-27 was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (Photo by Cpl. Richard A. Tetreau)



A U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey tilt roter aircraft powers down after carrying U.S. Marines with 2nd Battalion 1st Marines, Golf Company (2/1 G) at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 15, 2011. 2/1 G was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Benjamin R. Reynolds/Released)

A U.S. Marine with 1st Battalion, 11th Marines (1/11) Bravo Battery, attaches a fuse to a 155 mm artillery round prior to being fired from an M777 Howitzer canon in the Imperial Desert, Calif., Oct. 4, 2011. 1/11 was operating in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Benjamin R. Reynolds)



The following photos depict this year's Marine Corps Air Station Yuma air show, March 17 on the station flight-line, attracting more than 60,000 spectators, surpassing the 2011 estimate of 45,000. Demonstrations from aviation specialists like the Military Free Fall School, Tora, Tora, Tora, Search and Rescue and the Commemorative Air Force F-4, F-6, F-7 and F-8 and this year's main event the United States Air Force Thunderbirds provided spectators a day to remember. (Photos by Desert Warrior Staff)



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A Marine with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 views a poster depicting the Marines who lost their lives to drunk driving on May 22, 2012 at MCAS Yuma. Marines and Sailors attended this year's "101 Days of Summer" in order to learn sound operational risk management during the summer months. They enjoyed a day of fun activities such as rock climbing, motor bike demonstrations, food and more. They were presented with several instructional classes regarding summer safety. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is designated as the "101 Days of Summer" because historically it is known as an extremely dangerous time for people. The purpose of the event was to properly educate and provide the training the troops are required to receive in order to safely enjoy recreational activities. (photo by Cpl. Laura Cardoso)



A Marine with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 stands by a Border Patrol vehicle at MCAS Yuma. Marines and Sailors attended this year's "101 Days of Summer" in order to learn sound operational risk management during the summer months. They enjoyed a day of fun activities such as rock climbing, motor bike demonstrations, food and more. They were presented with several instructional classes regarding summer safety. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is designated as the "101 Days of Summer" because historically it is known as an extremely dangerous time for people. The purpose of the event was to properly educate and provide the training the troops are required to receive in order to safely enjoy recreational activities. (photo by Cpl. Laura Cardoso)



A Marine with Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 competes in the push-up competition May 22, 2012 at MCAS Yuma's "101 Days of Summer" safety fair. Marines and Sailors attended this year's safety fair in order to learn sound operational risk management during the summer months. Marines and Sailors enjoyed a day of activities such as rock climbing, motor bike demonstrations, food and more. They were presented with several instructional classes regarding summer safety. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is designated as the "101 Days of Summer" because historically it is known as an extremely dangerous time for people. (photo by Cpl. Laura Cardoso)

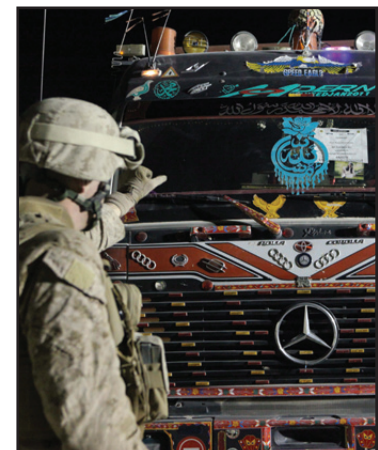


NEW YORK -- Afghanistan Army Major General Sayed Malouk, 215 Corps commander, (left) and Afghanistan National Police Major General Mullah Khil, 707 AUP Regional Headquarters deputy commander, view the National September 11 Memorial, Dec. 9, 2011. The trip, including three more officers with the ANA and ANP, is designed to provide more knowledge to these top Afghanistan commanders to further develop Afghanistan's ability to independently secure their country as U.S. forces draw down. (Photo by Cpl. Caleb Gomez)



U.S. Army Pfc. Jeffery Penning and an Afghan security guard pull security during a roving patrol on Observation Post Mustang in Afghanistan's Kunar province, May 3, 2012. Penning is assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment. U.S. troops are slated to withdraw from Afghanistan in 2014, with the transition from U.S.-led to Afghan-led security forces already being undertaken. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jenny Lui)

Cpl. Frankie Collins, a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 40 airframes mechanic and a native of Park Falls, Idaho, signals a truck to stop to be searched at one of the entry control points in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Oct. 29, 2011. US forces are slated to withdraw from Afghanistan in 2014, whereupon Afghan forces will take over the bulk of security. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Sean Dennison)



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Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie and British commandos of 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, Royal Artillery prepare to call in close air support as part of Operation Burmese Chase on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The operation served as a training exercise for these forward observers to hone the skills they will use in combat. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)



Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie and British commandos of 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, Royal Artillery call in close air support as part of Operation Burmese Chase on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The operation served as a training exercise for these forward observers to hone the skills they will use in combat. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)



Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie and British commandos of 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, Royal Artillery take a break to look at the sunset as part of Operation Burmese Chase on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The operation served as a training exercise for these forward observers to hone the skills they will use in combat. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)



Capt. Doug Webster, the British Royal Artillery 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team commander and operations officer and a native of Hampshire, Eng., leads his commandos off a CH-53 Sea Stallion during Operation Burmese Chase, on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. The commandos and the Marines of 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Supporting Arms Liaison Team Charlie then proceeded to practice calling in casualty evacuations with the sea stallions. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)



Capt. Jonathan Cook, the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, 2nd Brigade Platoon air officer and a native of Roswell, Ga., and Gunner Erriott Lupson, a 148th Battery, 29th Commando Fire Support Team, British Royal Artillery signaler and a native of Sunderland, Eng., coordinate while calling in casualty evacuations on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma's Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, June 20. This exercise was part of Operation Burmese Chase, which involved Marine Corps units from west coast installations and British Commandos in close air support training. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Bill Waterstreet)

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MWSS-373 was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (courtesy photo)



U.S. Marines (left to right) Cpl. Phillip Brunch, Cpl. Alphonse Didomenico, and Cpl. Olivia Childers, firefighters with Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 373 evacuate a simulated casualty from a UH-1 Huey during an Aircraft Recovery exercise at K-9 Village, Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Oct. 3, 2011. MWSS-373 was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 1-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (courtesy photo)



A U.S. Marine with Weapons Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment engages targets with a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon during Assault Support Tactics 1 (AST-1) at the base of Observation Point Feets, Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., April 16, 2012. AST-1 was in support of WTI 2-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (courtesy photo)



Lance Cpl. Amy Muir, left, a MAWTS-1 production specialist. A U.S. Marine Helicopter Support Team conducts an external lift with a Marine Corps CH-53 in the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, Calif., March 2012. The external lift was in support of Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course 2-12, hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Santy.)



Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting units walk through the water to stir up the jet fuel at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, July 27. Both units work together to tackle the fire and build cohesion between the two. (photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)



Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting units work together to reinforce firefighting techniques and learn to extinguish jet fuel fires at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, July 27. Marines from both units learn to work together and build camaraderie between the two individual units. (photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)

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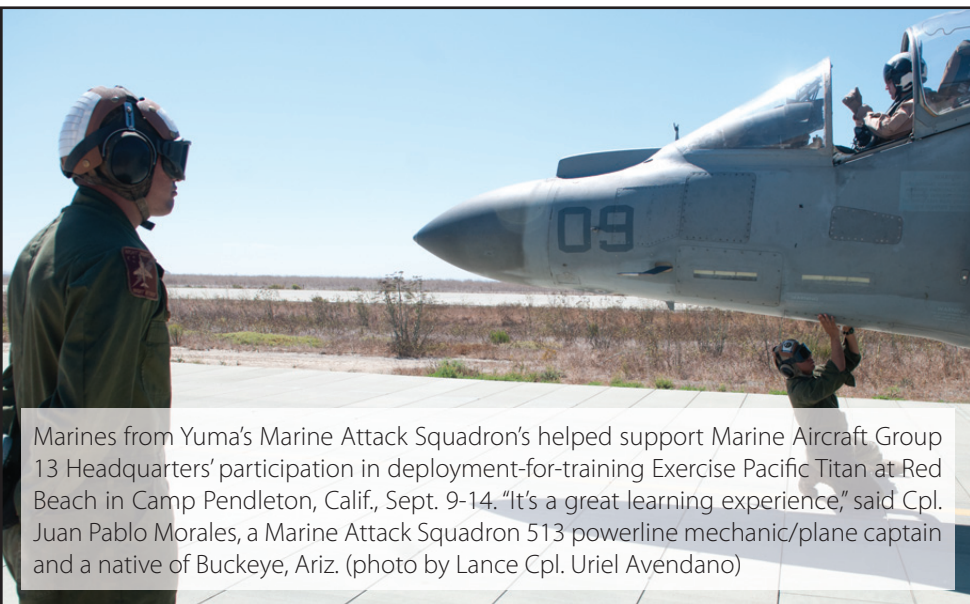
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Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 13 Headquarters and Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 participated in deployment-for-training Exercise Pacific Titan at Red Beach in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 9-14. (photo by Lance Cpl. Uriel Avendano)



Marines from Yuma's Marine Attack Squadron's helped support Marine Aircraft Group 13 Headquarters' participation in deployment-for-training Exercise Pacific Titan at Red Beach in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 9-14. "It's a great learning experience," said Cpl. Juan Pablo Morales, a Marine Attack Squadron 513 powerline mechanic/plane captain and a native of Buckeye, Ariz. (photo by Lance Cpl. Uriel Avendano)



Lance Cpl. Jose Alberto Ramosparedes, a Marine Attack Squadron 311 powerline mechanic and a native of Fairfield, Calif., walks away after successfully preparing one of the Yuma-based AV-8B Harriers for take-off during the deployment-for-training exercise Pacific Titan at Red Beach in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 12. Ramosparedes is one of only four VMA Marines to support the exercise, and the most junior at that. (Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



Brig. Gen. Steven Busby, right, the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general, pays Yuma-based Marines a visit during the deployment-for-training Exercise Pacific Titan held at Red Beach in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 12. Busby stopped near the flightline and shared some words with Lance Cpl. Jose Alberto Ramosparedes, a Marine Attack Squadron 311 powerline mechanic/plane captain and native of Fairfield, Calif., and Cpl. Geno Nicholas Smith, a VMA-214 ordnance technician and a native of Brookefield, Ill. (Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



Lance Cpl. Sam Enriquez, a military working dog handler with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, stationed in Okinawa, Japan and his K-9 partner Kally, take part in night operations training during the Inter-service Advanced Skills K-9 course, at the U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Ground, Sept. 24. (Photo by Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Lightning II, expected to arrive at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. By the end of the Aug. 8 by demonstrating a successful weapons release during a flight at Naval Air Systems Command. The test site see this as a, "significant entry into a new phase of testing for the F-35 program," which to employ precision weapons and allow pilots to engage the enemy on the ground and in the air. The F-35 conducted an airborne weapon separation, as well as the first from an international partner for the U.S. Marine Corps, the United Kingdom and Italy. (photo courtesy of Naval Air Station Patuxent River)

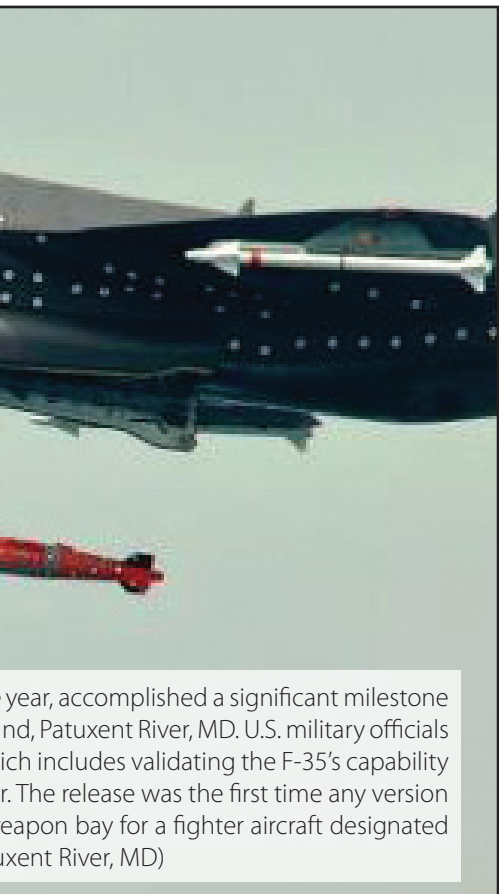
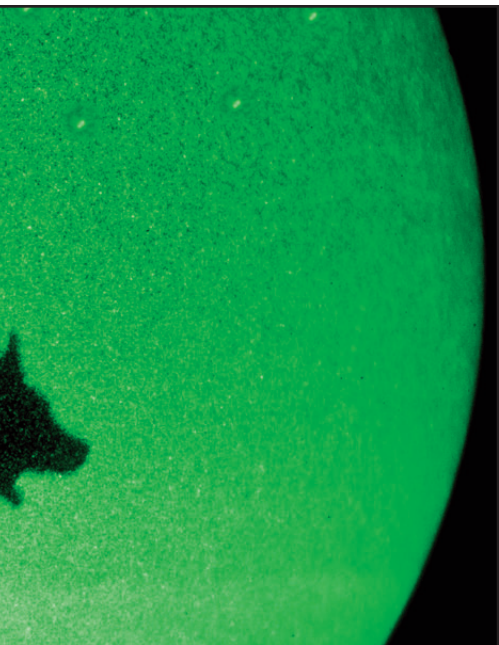
Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 13 Headquarters and Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 participated in deployment-for-training Exercise Pacific Titan at Red Beach in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 9-14. (photo by Lance Cpl. Uriel Avendano)



Lt. Col. Raible and Sgt. Atwell

Two Yuma-based 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Marines died Sept. 15 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan: Lt. Col. Christopher K. Raible, 40, of North Huntingdon, Pa., commanding officer, Marine Attack Squadron 211, Marine Aircraft Group 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. Sgt. Bradley W. Atwell, 27, of Kokomo, Ind., assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Aircraft Group 13, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

"The deaths of Lt. Col. Chris "Otis" Raible and Sgt. Bradley Atwell are a stark reminder of the selfless service and extraordinary sacrifices made by our Marines and Sailors and their families Sgt. Bradley W. Atwell Lt. Col. Christopher K. Raible each and every day," said Brig. Gen. Steven W. Busby, commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, friends and loved ones of those brave Marines. We will honor their memories and continue to support our Marines and Sailors still in the fight and their loved ones here at home." (Photo by Cpl. Aaron Diamant)



The F-35B Lightning II, also known as the Joint Strike Fighter, is currently under production at the Lockheed Martin plant in Ft. Worth, Texas. Marine Aircraft Group 13, based at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, received its first F-35B on Nov. 16 and formally re-designated Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 as the world's first operational F-35 squadron in a formal ceremony on Nov. 20. The F-35 is scheduled to replace all of the Marine Corps fixed wing capabilities over the next two decades. (Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin)

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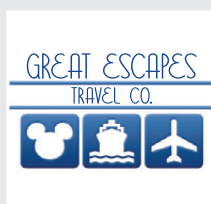
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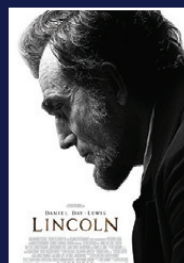


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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND



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EVENTS CALENDAR

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CDC PARENT INVOLVEMENT

When: Fri, Dec. 21, 4pm – 5pm

Where: Building 1071 & 1085

Parent involvement at the CDC provides an opportunity for parents to spend time with their child in the classroom setting. Parents will participate in a planned activity that gives them an opportunity to learn more about the CDC's curriculum and to strengthen communication and relationships with CDC staff. For more info call 26-5390.

SMP CHRISTMASEVE BASH

When: Mon, Dec. 24, 6pm – 7pm

Where: SMP Rec Center

Need something fun to do over the holidays? Come out and stay warm by the fire at the SMP Rec Center. There is free food and hot chocolate. The inflatable screen will be up playing all the classic

Christmas movies. For more information call 269-5794.

CLUB TECH

When: Tue, Dec. 25, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Youth Center

Training and resources to make Boys & Girls Club members and professionals effective users of technology: Digital Arts Suite. Animated tutorials in web design, graphic design, digital photography, music making and movie making allow users to acquire valuable software interface skills. Digital Arts Festivals-using skills learned via Digital Arts Suite, members can participate in local, regional and national competitions. National winners receive a free summer trip to a major U.S. city. NetSmartz- BGCA and National Center for Missing & Exploited Children alliance

on topics such as Web safety, shopping online and Web ethics. Skill Tech & Skill Tech II- basic software, hardware and network skills are provided to users as an introduction to technology and its byproducts. Must be a registered member of the Youth Center school ages 6-18. For more information call 269-5390.

DV GROUP

When: Wed, Dec. 12, 8am – 10am

Where: Building 598

Topics include safety planning, cycle of violence, victim's rights, etc. For more information, call 269-2561.

TRIPLE PLAY ZUMBATOMIC

When: Wed, Dec. 26, 4pm – 5pm

Where: Youth Center Gym

Designed to incorporate healthy living and active learning in every

part of the club experience. Healthy habits emphasizes good nutrition, regular physical activity and improving overall well-being. The program for ages 6-15 is the "mind" component of Triple Play: A game for the Mind, Body and Soul. For more info call 269-5390.

KEYSTONE

When: Thu, Dec. 27, 4pm – 5pm

Where: Youth Center

Keystone is the Boys & Girls Club Movement's most dynamic teen program. It affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. They conduct activities in three areas: academic success, career exploration and community service. Open to Registered Members of the Youth Center ages 13 and up. For more information call 269-5390.

PLAY MORNING

When: Mon, Dec. 31, 10am – 11am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Playgroup for parents and children ages 5 and under. While this playgroup is designed for children 1-5 years old, infants are more than welcome to come along! For more information call 269-6053.

VA BENEFITS BRIEF

When: Tue, Jan. 1, 2013, 2pm – 3pm

Where: Building 850

Take some time to learn about the ins and outs of your VA benefits. For more information call 269-3248.

SMP TOURNAMENTS

When: Tue, Jan. 1, 2013, 6pm – 8pm

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Parachute Rigger Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment-2 line up and walk towards the UH-1Y for a static line parachute jump at the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct. 5. During deployments, parachute riggers airdrop logistical supplies to forward operating bases that cannot be reached by convoys. (photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)



Cpl. Steven Gillette, an infantry assaultman with Combat Anti-Armor Team 2, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and a native of Prospect, Conn., waves at a Bell AH-1W Cobra flying by after firing off some dummy rocket rounds at the Barry M. Goldwater Range's Yodaville complex near Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 6. (photo Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)



Lance Cpl. Michael May, a Combat Logistics Regiment-2 parachute rigger and a native of Houston, looks toward the sky as his fellow Marines parachute down at the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Ranges at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Oct 5. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)



A Bell AH-1W Cobra assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One fires dummy rocket rounds and flares during a training exercise at the Barry M. Goldwater Range's Yodaville complex near Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Oct 6. Forward Air Controller Officers in training must learn to call for close air support in an urban environment to pass a part of the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course. (photo Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)

A Bell AH-1W Cobra assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One rains down live ammunition during an urban close air support night operation at the Barry M. Goldwater Range's Yodaville complex near Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 6. "Calling close air support at night presents more challenges than day time because the lack of light hinders the ability to see shapes and colors," said Maj. Thomas Short, a MAWTS-1 forward air controller officer and a native of Normal, Ill. (photo Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon)

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WHERE IN THE WORLD



Afghanistan - Marines with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, patrol through the construction site during Operation Golden Gate in Sangin, Afghanistan, Nov. 10, 2012. Golf Co. is tasked with providing security for the entire construction site along the Helmand River for the duration of the construction project.



Fort Knox, Ky. : Lance Cpl. Jefferey Rose, a tank crewman from Company E, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, meets his four-month year old son for the first time Nov. 15, 2012, at Fort Knox, Ky., after returning from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. The Nebo, Ky., native said seeing his son made him the happiest he has ever been. (U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Nana Dansa-Appiah/Released)



USS Iwo Jima, At Sea - Members of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group participate in a 5K Thanksgiving fun run aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, Nov. 22, 2012. The fun run is part of the Thanksgiving celebration coordinated by the ships Moral, Recreation and Welfare program for the Marines and Sailors. The 24th MEU is deployed with the Iwo Jima ARG and is currently in the 6th Fleet area of responsibility. Since deploying in March, they have supported a variety of missions in the U.S. Central, Africa and European Commands, assisted the Navy in safeguarding sea lanes, and conducted various bilateral and unilateral training events in several countries in the Middle East and Africa. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. Chad R. Kiehl)

5 Questions

Lt. Daniel Chung MAG-13 Asst. Chaplain

1.) What services do chaplains offer to military personnel?

We offer spiritual guidance and advice but also counseling. So if Marines or Sailors come in with marriage problems or stress at work they can come and speak with a chaplain. Some of us have professional degrees but most don't so it's not like talking to a psychologist. We offer an avenue for service members to vent and find other resources to help them. We can tell them about the other services around base like military one source. We try to connect Marines to their specific place of worship, whether it be out in town or on base and most important we provide confidential advice and counseling and that creates trust.

2.) What religious services are available on base?

Sundays at 9 A.M. we offer a catholic mass. At 11 A.M. there is a protestant service. Tuesday's at lunch a bible study is available at 11:30 A.M. at the chapel. For flight line Marines, MAG-13 provides a fellowship on Thursdays.

3.) If someone was trying to seek help through the chaplain's office how would they go about it?

No one can stop a Marine from talking to a chaplain. Marines can really just walk in through the doors and get help, or make an appointment if that works better for them. We also walk around shops or the flight line and make ourselves available so that if anyone needs us they can approach us.

4.) Why does having a chaplain benefit the service members and their families?

It is all about being mission ready. We are here to help alleviate some of the stress Marines and Sailors go through, in stead of having them bottle it up. They come and talk to a chaplain and let it out. In my mind it's something that we bring to the table. Marines come far and wide across the country and they might not have the means out in town to facilitate the need and we make it available here, so they can have that piece of home with them.

5.) While deployed what is your mission and how do you go about completing it?

I just came back from Afghanistan and our mission was still to keep all Marines mission ready. Our motto was keep the main thing the main thing. Walking through the hangar you make sure your Marines are good to go. We remind them to get in contact with family back home. With the Marines having marriage problems we help them get by and help them see the big picture and do what we can to help relieve that stress. Most of the time they just want someone to pray for them. That is our mission; take care of your Marines especially while deployed.

Mediterranean Sea, At Sea - Marines and Sailors unpack food and supplies that were delivered by an MH-60S Knight Hawk helicopter to USS Iwo Jima during a replenishment at sea detail, or RAS, Nov. 24, 2012. During the RAS the USS Iwo Jima took on fuel, fresh fruits, vegetables, and supplies from the USNS John Lenthall to sustain the ship and crew while underway. The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit is deployed with the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group in the 6th Fleet area of responsibility serving as an expeditionary crisis response force capable of a variety of missions, from full-scale combat to evacuations and humanitarian assistance. Since deploying in March, they have supported a variety of missions in the U.S. Central, Africa and European Commands, assisted the Navy in safeguarding sea lanes, and conducted various bilateral and unilateral training events in several countries in the Middle East and Africa. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Tucker S. Wolf/Released)





Left, Sergeant Maj. Carlos Williams, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 sergeant major, and right, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Scott, VMFA-121 commanding officer, unfurl the VMFA-121 colors during the squadron re-designation ceremony Nov. 20 at the VMFA-121 hangar, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. Special guests; Senator John McCain, Arizona state Senator, Governor Janice K. Brewer, Arizona state Governor, The Honorable Mr. Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps were in attendance for the ceremony and spoke of the great contribution to Marine Corps aviation. (photo by Cpl. Shelby Shields)

General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks during the re-designation ceremony for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, Nov. 20 at the VMFA-121 hangar, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. The Green Knights are the first operational F-35B squadron not only in the Marine Corps, but in the world. The F-35B Lightning II, also known as the Joint Strike Fighter, will revolutionize our expeditionary Marine air-ground combat power in all threat environments, reducing our reliance on supporting aircraft, tankers and jammers while enabling joint interoperability with newer systems. MCAS Yuma is scheduled to receive four operational F-35 squadrons of 16 aircraft each and one operational test and evaluation squadron of eight aircraft. (photo by Cpl. Shelby Shields)



3rd Marine Aircraft Wing welcomed its first F-35B squadron during an official ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. During the ceremony Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121, formerly an F/A-18 Hornet squadron, re-designated as the Corps' first operational F-35 squadron, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121. The squadron also received its second aircraft at the end of the ceremony. (photo by Cpl. Shelby Shields)



Marine Attack Squadron 513 and elements of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 depart on their last deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. The squadron is slated to support maritime and contingency operations in the Asia/Pacific realm. (Photo by LCpl. Uriel Avendano)

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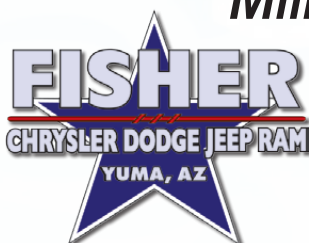
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MSRP\$44,045
PREFERRED PRICE ...\$41,456
GM REBATE\$2,500
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$3,291
USAA REBATE*\$750
Save \$9,130
Net Cost **\$34,915**
or 0% for 60 months
Stock #C5240



2013 CHEVY IMPALA LT SEDAN

MSRP\$28,790
PREFERRED PRICE.....\$28,104
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$2,000
USAA REBATE*.....\$750

**3.6L V6
4 Spd, Auto**

Net Cost **\$25,354**

Stock #C6060



2013 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO 4WD CREW CAB LT

MSRP\$40,410
PREFERRED PRICE\$38,057
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$800
TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE.....\$1,000
FEB INCREMENTAL REBATE.....\$1,000
BONUS CASH.....\$1,000
GM REBATE\$2,000

Save \$8,153

Net Cost **\$32,257**

or 0% for 60 months
Stock #C6043



2013 CHEVY TAHOE 4WD LTZ

MSRP\$59,610
PREFERRED PRICE\$56,156
CUSTOMER REBATE.....\$750
USAA REBATE*.....\$750
LTZ BONUS CASH.....\$750
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$1,358

**Power,
Sunroof, Leather,
Entertainment
System**

Net Cost **\$52,548**

Stock #C6065



2013 CHEVY MALIBU 1LS

MSRP\$23,425
PREFERRED PRICE\$23,030
BONUS CASH.....\$1,000
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$600
USAA REBATE*.....\$750

**6 Spd,
Automatic,
2.5 Ecotec**

Net Cost **\$20,680**

Stock #C6172



2012 GMC TERRAIN AWD SLE-1

MSRP\$28,425
PREFERRED PRICE\$27,508
BONUS CASH.....\$500

**Remote Start,
Rear Parking
Assist, All-
Terrain Pkg**

Net Cost **\$27,008**

Stock #G4041



2013 CHEVY CRUZE ECO

MSRP\$22,635
PREFERRED PRICE\$22,089
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$500
BONUS CASH.....\$500
USAA REBATE*.....\$750

**Driver
Convenient Pkg
1.4L, 4 Cyl.**

Net Cost **\$20,339**

Stock #C6121



2012 BUICK VERANO 1SG

MSRP\$26,165
PREFERRED PRICE\$25,478
BONUS CASH.....\$500
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$758
USAA REBATE*.....\$750

**Bluetooth
OnStar**

Net Cost **\$23,470**

Stock #B2044



2013 CHEVY CAMARO 2LS COUPE

MSRP\$25,445
PREFERRED PRICE\$24,909
BONUS CASH.....\$500
FISHER DISCOUNT.....\$700
USAA REBATE*.....\$750

**3.6L V6,
6-Speed,
Automatic**

Net Cost **\$22,959**

Stock #C6140

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